REMARKS

Claims 1-7 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer, and new Claims 8-34 have been added; therefore, Claims 8-34 are pending. Applicant has carefully considered the application in view of the Examiner's action and, in light of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, respectfully requests reconsideration and full allowance of all pending claims.

Claims 1-7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, as containing an unclear presentation. In response, Applicant has cancelled Claims 1-7, without prejudice or disclaimer, rendering the rejection thereof moot. In light of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 1-7.

Applicant has added new Claims 8-34 to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as his invention. New Claims 8-34, are supported by the application as originally filed, for example, by Figure 6 and the discussion relating thereto at pages 10-12, and in light of what a person skilled in the art would glean from a reading of such disclosure, it is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added to the application as originally filed.

By this amendment, seven claims (Claims 1-7) have been deleted, and 39 new claims (Claims 8-46) have been added resulting in a total of 19 claims in excess of 20 claims. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(c), fees of \$181.00 are incurred for the 19 claims in excess of 20 claims.

Enclosed is a Petition for Extension of Time for a three (3) month extension of time, resulting in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3) fees in the amount of \$465.00.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$181.00 in payment of the fee for additional claims in excess of 20, and the amount of \$465.000 for an extension of time, and to credit any overpayment or charge any underpayment, made in connection with the filing of this paper, to Deposit Account No. 50-2032 of Scheef & Stone, L.L.P.

Applicant has now made an earnest attempt to place this application in condition for allowance. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests, for the reasons set forth herein and for other reasons clearly apparent, full allowance of Claims 8-34 so that the application may be passed to issue.

Should the Examiner have any questions or desire clarification of any sort, or deem that any further amendment is desirable to place this application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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